GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES AND MINERALS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7217
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LOSS DUE TO THEFT OF COAL
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Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Limited suffers annual loss worth crores of rupees due to theft of coal from various mines of Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the details of cases noticed by the Government during the last three years in each subsidiary of CIL;

(c) whether 12-13 thousand permanent labourers of various mines are sitting idle and the work is got done on contract basis due to vested interest and the dominent mafia is active in the area covered by Coal India Limited;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct an enquiry through the CBI into the role of labour organisations, the patronage of politicians and the nexus between the officers of Coal India Limited and the mafia;

(e) if so, the time by which it would be done; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND MINERALS

(SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a) and (b) Theft of Coal is carried out clandestinely and as such it is not possible to exactly specify the quantity of theft. However, as per raids conducted by security personnel as well as joint raids with the law and order authorities of the concerned State Governments during last three years, the following quantities were recovered in the subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited :-

Company	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99	
	Quantity recovered (Rs. Lakh)	Approximate Value (Rs. Lakh)	Quantity recovered (T)	Approximate Value (Rs.Lakh)	Quantit recovered (T)	Approx Value
ECL	14223.00	99.54	8434.30	59.03	15324.00	122.60
BCCL	932.76	6.91	2457.00	21.38	277.62	2.99
CCL	567.00	1.93	177.00	1.06	510.00	5.10
NCL	9.00	0.08	15.00	0.06	33.00	0.22
WCL	105.68	0.97	84.47	0.83	133.42	1.33
SECL	123.70	0.97	12.50	0.09	32.00	-
MCL	65.00	0.19	96.00	0.51	-	-
NEC	-	-	25.00	0.18	50.00	0.50
TOTAL	16026.14	110.59	11301.27	83.14	16360.04	132.74

(c) The workmen of the contractors are not being engaged by keeping the company`s regular workmen idle.

(d), (e) and (f) Do not arise in view of the answer to part (c) of the question.